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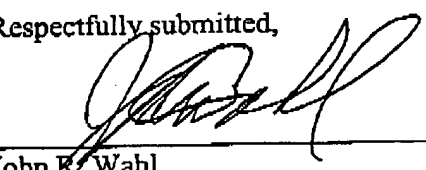
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Remarks:

This Amendment is directed to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2005 setting a three month shortened period for response expiring on September 14, 2005. Claims 1,14, 16-18, 20-29, and 32-36 stand rejected. Claims 15, 19, 30 and 31 stand objected to as containing allowable subject matter but depending from rejected base claims. Claims 1-14, 16-18, 20-29, and 32-36 have been canceled. Claims 15 and 19, since previously the examiner indicated as having allowable subject matter in the first Office Action, have now been placed in independent form including all of the limitations of the original claims as filed and any intervening dependent claims. Claims 15 and 19 are therefore believed to be fully allowable. Claim 30 was placed in independent form in the prior amendment and is therefore believed to be allowable. Claim 31 depends from claim 30 and therefore is also allowable.

Claims 1-14, 16-18, 20-29, and 32-36 have been canceled without prejudice as they are also believed to be distinct, clear and patentable. These claims are retained in the application pending the filing of a suitable continuation application to further prosecute these claims. Claims 15, 19, 30 and 31 remain pending in the application and are now believed to be in allowable form. This amendment is believed to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. In view of the above amendments and these remarks, Applicant respectfully requests prompt reconsideration of this application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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